

FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

August 26, 2014

Minutes

I. The August 2014 of the Human Relations Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the 3rd floor conference room at Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, Maryland by chair Angela Spencer.

An Invitation was given to recite the Pledge of Allegiance by Angela Spencer.

The following members were present at the meeting: Angela Spencer, Tonya Amedon, Jack A. Thomas, David P. Kaye, Felicia Turner, Annette Breiling, Lisa Clark, Oladimeji Ibraheem, Adeyemi Adeoye, Georgia Anne Mc Cauley, Francisco Alves, Kavonte Duckett and Mari Lee Community Liaisons: C. Paul Smith, BOCC and

The following members were absent: Melissa Meath and Irene Packer-Halsey

The following guests were present at the meeting: Anastasia Rosen Jones, Carol Wuenschel and Olivia G. White.

III. The July 29, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved with a correction noted to section VIII with a motion by Kavonte Duckett and a second by Adeyemi Adeoye.

IV. Comments from the public

Dr. Olivia White, Vice President, Student Life and Dean of Students and Carol Wuenschel, Executive Director for Human Resources and Title IX Coordinator at Hood College presented information 2014's March on Frederick to be held on Friday September 26.

They described the many activities that will take place during the Event. They asked that you register on line if you can attend and encourage others to register as well.

V. Officers Reports

a) Executive Committee

Angela asked that all members review the Strategic Plan summary and be prepared to discuss it in the coming months.

The following changes were made to committee assignments:

Oladimeji Ibraheem will serve on the GRC

Jack Thomas will serve on the CRC

David Kaye will serve on the IRC

A motion was made by Tonya to expand social media for the HRC to by creating a Twitter account. David Kaye seconded the motion and it was passed by the members. Melissa is working on setting up the account suggestions were solicited for a hash tag. Angela suggested it would be good if it were set up by the In the Streets Event.

Angela reported that she received a call from Captain Grossman today about a march this Thursday, August 28th, it will be held by the group Frederick Rising to recognize what is going on in Ferguson. The march will start at 6pm and leave from Burch Street at Catoctin Ave. Captain Grossman asked if the HRC would be participating as a calm presence. If you can participate remember to be safe and demonstrate peace.

b) Treasurer's Report

Mari Lee reported that available funds are \$4, 862.90.

c) NAC Updates

There will be a meeting of all of the NAC combined Saturday September 6th at 8:30am at the city Annex on West Patrick Street

VI. Committee Reports

a) Community Relations Committee

Naturalization Ceremony Linganore High School - October 11, 2014

Lisa reported that most of the details for the ceremony have been worked out. Committee members will need to arrive early on the day of the event. The rest of the HRC should arrive around 9:45.

A date needs to be set for the Awards Banquet 2015 as soon as possible to reserve the room.

b) Government Relations Committee

The GRC met this month they ran into Senator Ron Young who gave a quick summary of current legislation.

A date needs to be set for the Legislative Lunch and it hopefully will be combined with Human Rights Day.

c) Internal Relations Committee

Fair Housing 2014/Fair Housing Commission Frederick County Association of Realtors/HRC Joint effort is ongoing with David Kaye representing the Commission. They plan on having a speaker on Fair Housing Law. A date in April is being explored. A grant application is being prepared to help with expenses.

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event 2015 – Hayden Duke is working with David Kaye on the event they have been in contact with FPD and the City Parks and Recreation Department about the details.

d) Pangea Festival Committee

The date has been set for August 30, 2015 with the Naturalization Ceremony August 29, location to be determined.

VII. HRD Director's Report

The date for the Recognition of the 25th anniversary of the HRC will be held at Winchester Hall September 23rd at 7:30pm. Miles handed out contact information for previous members of the HRC all members to take a page and contact them to invite them to the meeting.

Miles spoke about the incidents in Ferguson comparing the area to our local City and County.

VIII. Announcements

A public awareness assembly will be held Wednesday September 10 at 8am at Maryland School for the Deaf. Keith Nolan is a teacher at MSD and he is trying to get into the US Military. Mr. Nolan is also the chair for the Frederick County Commission on Disabilities.

Angela created bookmarks to celebrate the 25th anniversary celebration.

Angela thanked C. Paul Smith for his involvement and he delivered closing remarks.

Events

- **Human Trafficking Symposium** – October 2, 2014 – Winchester Hall 6:30 – 9:30pm The target audience will be first responders
- **Rachel's Challenge Event** – October 9th and 10th FCC
- **Naturalization Ceremony** – October 11, 2014 Linganore High School

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.